CSG Rain Barrel Sale

County Sustainability Group (CSG) will host their 6th annual truckload sale of **PRE-ORDERED** rain barrels on Saturday, May 16th at Valley Pine Farms, 841 County Road 13 (corner of County Roads 13 and 16 near Black River Cheese factory) from 10 a.m. until noon. Rain barrels are \$60 each and orders **MUST** be placed in advance of the sale, either online at www.RainBarrel.ca/CSGpicton or by calling Don Ross at 613-476-8016.

Rain barrels capture and store chlorine-free and fluoride-free rain water from a home's downspouts, making it ideal for flowers, vegetables, lawns, and trees. Collected water can also be used to wash cars, clean floors, and even do laundry! These many uses can provide cost savings to every resident, especially those who pay to have water trucked in, use a well, or have a water meter installed. They can also provide water conservation opportunities, particularly during the dry summer months. Prince Edward County residents know firsthand what summer drought conditions can be like. Raising money with rain barrels is a practical way to benefit everyone concerned: the buyer, the students, the CSG, the community, and the environment.

When ordering in advance of the sale, purchasers select the colour and model of their rain barrel, and add any accessories, such as downspout diverters and rain barrel stands. Each barrel is equipped with all the parts needed to put it together, so it can be collecting water in no time at all.

These environmentally friendly products were once used to transport fruits and vegetables, but now they have been repurposed and offer years of reliable service as rain barrels. Purchasing one not only saves residents money and helps the environment, but, with the Country Sustainability Group's rain barrel sale, it also helps bring environmental



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Proceeds from the sale will support the annual CSG Bursary Fund that is awarded to deserving graduates of PECI High School who further their education in an environmental field

of study. Since 2010, nine students have received nearly \$5000 for their educational expenses, as they focus on the environment in careers in environmental science, agriculture, renewable energy, fish and wildlife conservation, planning, and even the food service industry.

Some of the funds will also support the ongoing efforts of the CSG to bring local action to global issues that affect us all and future generations. See www.countysustainability.ca for more information and become a face book friend at https://www.facebook.com/groups/countysustainabilitygroup/

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